ABSTRACT

THE USE OF SPINEL FERRITES AS SENSITIVE MATERIAL FOR BOLOMETRIC INFRARED DETECTOR DEVICES

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The present invention relates to the use as a sensitive material in a thin layer for bolometric detection of infrared radiation, of a material having a spinel ferrite structure of chemical composition, ignoring doping agents if any are present, satisfying empirical formula I:

(I) $Fe_{3-(x+y)}M_xA_yO_{4+\delta}$

The invention also provides a bolometric device for detecting infrared radiation or for infrared imaging, and including at least one sensor provided with a sensitive element in the form of a thin layer as defined above.

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